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The Register and its Critic.

Judging from the Register's editorial
comment on Tin and Terne's exposure
of its ignorance of the tin plate indus-
try, its history and progress, which ap-
peared in yesterday's Intelligencer, but
which the Register did not publish or
quote from, for the benefit of its read-
ers, it seems that our contemporary does
not desire that its readers shall see but
one side of the question. In fact, the
Register's readers are forced to guess
what it is talking about.

Our neighbor simply reiterates its
stereotyped claims that the Wilson tar-
iff established the tin plate industry,
ignores the fact that the Democrats, in-
cluding Mr. Wilson, declared we could
not make tin plate, and declares that
we are not getting the \$7,000,000 revenue
from customs that we used to get, while
ignoring that many more millions of
dollars that used to go abroad to for-
eign manufacturers and workmen now
go into the pockets of our own produc-
ers—in fact is retained in this country;
also strangely arguing that it was bet-
ter when "formerly the United States
treasury got \$7,000,000 a year from du-
ty on tin plate"—thus inconsistent with
the Democratic contention that the con-
sumer pays the income tax.

As to the price of tin plate, which the
Register harps upon, and rails upon
what the trust has done, Tin and Terne
aimed to show the Register was mis-
taken, but the Register did not publish
Tin and Terne's article, and its readers
do not know about it. Says the Register:
"Since the trust has been in oper-
ation it has arbitrarily increased the
price of tin plate to the American people
from \$2 50 to \$4 50 per box, an in-
crease wholly unwarranted by any ad-
vance in raw materials, while the sop
thrown to labor in the shape of in-
creased wages has been but a drop in
the bucket compared with the increase
in the price of tin plate which the trust
pockets."

That it is all right for the Register's
attitude to read, but if, in connection
with its comments and reply to Tin
and Terne, it had given its readers the
benefit of the latter organ's article, as
the Intelligencer did, they would have
been permitted to see what Tin and
Terne said upon this point. It is
worth repeating. This is what Tin and
Terne said, and which the Register did
not quote:

After paying its respects to our "cor-
rections" of a few of its errors, the Reg-
ister indulges in some rambling talk about
the tariff, based on the statement that the
tariff gives the tin plate industry a box
of one hundred pounds in a box, and as
the tariff is one and one-half cents a
box, there is a box of one hundred pounds
of tin plate in a box of one hundred
pounds of tin plate. The Register says
it was in the tariff law which was in force
for years before the McKinley law.

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lean troops, and the closing of ports in
the hands of the insurgents to inter-
island traffic. There will be no Euro-
pean recognition of the cause of the
Filipino insurgents. No European
country is looking for trouble with the
United States.

Gomez and the Cubans.
General Gomez, the Cuban patriot,
has poured, at a timely moment, some
good oil on troubled waters, by writing
an open letter denying that differences
exist between Spaniards and Cubans
and Americans in Cuba. He poses in
the attitude of a well-intentioned peace
maker, and is doubtless sincere when
he says he has remained in Cuba to
fulfill a great duty. He certainly in-
dicates that fact, when he counsels the
impatient population to realize that it
is not "the work of a day to organize
society; that there has been interven-
tion by a foreign nation for the sake
of peace, and now the moment is propi-
tious." All who were previously
disunited should unite for the same
end, which is to form a council repre-
senting the soul of Cuba. He takes no
stock in the idea that the United
States contemplates robbing the Cu-
bans of their own, and he doesn't be-
lieve it. Gomez declares that the Cu-
bans, left poor by the war, should only
dream of work, and let bygones be by-
gones. He wants to see a brother in
every man in Cuba.

Gomez is right, in at least one re-
spect, in denying the impression that
the United States proposes to steal
Cuba, which, we presume, means that
this country proposes to forcibly annex
the island. There is no such intention.
The United States does not propose
any such force business. If Cuba
is annexed to this country it will be
by the consent and application of the
Cuban people only. The old patriot does
not seem to be selfish, personally, as
regards honors, if he is correctly re-
ported, in declaring to his son not to
trouble himself about his (Gomez's)
own future—that he is without ambi-
tion that could disturb his conscience,
and that he is happy in the lot of a
people who shall themselves be happy.

It is very clear that should the time
come when Cuba should be annexed to
the United States Gomez would heartily
favor it, rather than see Cuba split
by factions, or incapable of self-
government without internal discord.

Dreyfus Case at a Climax.

Dramatic scenes are expected to-day
in the court-martial trial of Dreyfus,
when General Mercier will be placed
upon the witness stand, as the enemies
of the persecuted man are expecting
Mercier to "throw a bombshell and
confound the accused." It is recalled
that some time since the general de-
clared that he had complete proofs of
the guilt of Dreyfus, and there will be
deep interest everywhere, and on both
sides, to hear what he is holding back
and the precise character of his evi-
dence.

The friends of Dreyfus do not, accord-
ing to the dispatches, seem to be con-
cerned about the effectiveness of Mer-
cier's testimony, since he is regarded
as one of the chief conspirators. It is
expected by them that Mercier will
have his testimony torn to pieces by
the attorneys for Dreyfus, and that
their efforts will totally discredit him.
One of the features of the expected de-
velopments to-day, which will add to
the dramatic interest, will be that
Dreyfus will have a privilege to ques-
tion this important witness, and it is
predicted that the captain's cross-ex-
amination of Mercier will bring the
proceedings to an extraordinary climax,
if not crisis.

It is true that Dreyfus seems to be
physically strained by the inquiry,
where the determination by the con-
spirators to maintain their course seems
to be so intense, but to-day he will
have, in the incident referred to, a per-
sonal advantage which has been denied
him so far, and the tide may turn.
Those who, upon two continents are in-
terested in the outcome, will await the
report of Saturday's evidence with more
than ordinary interest, mainly upon
the account of the personal partici-
pation by Dreyfus himself.

Otis Will Remain.

It seems that reports to the effect that
General Otis will be relieved of com-
mand in the Philippines are untrue.
Reliable information is to the effect
that, as a result of a conference be-
tween the secretary of war and the
President, it was decided that Otis
shall remain for a time, the President
desiring to give him more time. Cer-
tainly the commander at Manila has
been sending in some favorable reports
of late, and the decision seems just.

In connection with the announcement
it is stated that if, within a reasonable
time, the rebellion is not suppressed
sufficiently, the command may be turned
over to General Lawton, or some
other general. No mention is made of
the probability that General Miles him-
self will go to Manila.

General Miles, it is thought, is needed
at present at Washington. He is as-
sisting Secretary Root, and the new
secretary and the commanding general
are in perfect harmony. Incidentally,
it may be remarked that, under the
new secretary, there is smoother run-
ning of the war department, and good
feeling between himself and the com-
manding general. Secretary Root is a
judicial-minded man, and not a poli-
tician, which facts are much to his credit.

The investigation, in progress at
Weston, of the charges that have been
filed against Dr. Stathern, has so far
been pretty much for the prosecution.
It will not be well for the public to ren-
der judgment, however. Both sides
should be fairly heard, and sensational
dispatches and statements that are not
strictly backed by evidence should be
always discounted.

Wheeling sympathizes with her sister
city of Parkersburg in the big loss sus-
tained by her by fire, and the mishaps
that accompanied the excitement. The
fact that it was caused by a stroke of
lightning could not have been avoided,
since the elements of nature are no re-
specters of persons nor of communi-
ties.

The terrible hurricane which swept
over the West Indies, on Thursday,
leaving a trail of devastation in a re-
gion which is just recovering from the

STATE PRESS CLEANINGS.

The Ohio River railroad is buying up
a lot of land in the vicinity of New
Martinsville and other places where
there are good sites for manufacturing
plants, for the purpose of selling them
to corporations who desire locations.
This is one of the best moves it will
road company has ever made. It will
assist in building up the towns along
their lines and in addition will bring
them a great deal of new business. This
will be a good thing for New Marti-
nsville. The future of that town is
bright, and there is not the least doubt
but that it will be one of the best towns
along the Ohio river in a few years.—
Tyler County Tribune.

MIDSUMMER NIGHT TORTURES.

Country Life During Hot Weather is
Not Always a Blissful Dream.

Philadelphia Times. The fantasy of
a poetical mind can with very little ef-
fort for mental review such a fairytale
ensemble as Shakespeare has so grace-
fully depicted in that light and airy
creation of his, "A Midsummer Night's
Dream," but the practical prose analyst,
who sees things only as they exist in
his own particular circle, shrugs his
shoulders superiorly and offers a
part of the orchestra, while interpreters
interpret measures for Titania and the
others who are supposed to